

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 57.22

*Sanitize* means the application of a bactericidal treatment which is approved as being effective in destroying microorganisms, including pathogens.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of Agriculture or his delegate.

*Service* means the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department.

*Shell egg packer* (grading station) means any person engaged in the sorting of eggs from sources other than or in addition to his own production into their various qualities, either mechanically or by other means.

*Stabilization* means the subjection of any egg product to a desugaring process.

*State* means any State of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and the District of Columbia.

*Ultimate consumer* means any household consumer, restaurant, institution, or any other party who has purchased or received shell eggs or egg products for consumption.

*United States* means the States.

*Washed ungraded eggs* means eggs which have been washed but not sized or segregated for quality.

*White or albumen* means, for the purpose of this part, the product obtained from the egg as broken from the shell and separated from the yolk.

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### ADMINISTRATION

#### § 57.10 Authority.

The Administrator shall perform, for and under the supervision of the Secretary, such duties as the Secretary may require in the enforcement or administration of the provisions of the Act, and this part. The Administrator may waive for a limited period any particular provisions of the regulations to permit experimentation so that new procedures, equipment, and processing techniques may be tested to facilitate definite improvements and at the same time to maintain full compliance with the spirit and intent of the regulations. The Agricultural Marketing Service and its officers and employees shall not be liable in damages through acts of commission or omission in the administration of this part.

#### § 57.13 Federal and State cooperation.

The Secretary shall, whenever he determines that it would effectuate the purposes of the Act, authorize the Administrator to cooperate with appropriate State and other governmental agencies in carrying out any provisions of the Egg Products Inspection Act and these regulations. In carrying out the provisions of the Act and the regulations, the Secretary may conduct such examinations, investigations, and inspections as he determines practicable through any officer or employee of any such agency commissioned by him for such purpose. The Secretary shall reimburse the States and other agencies for the services rendered by them in such cooperative programs as agreed to in the cooperative agreements as signed by the Administrator and the duly authorized agent of the State or other agency.

#### § 57.17 Nondiscrimination.

The conduct of all services and the licensing of graders and inspectors under these regulations shall be accomplished without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

#### § 57.18 OMB control number.

The information collection requirements in this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned OMB control number 0581-0113.

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### SCOPE OF INSPECTION

#### § 57.20 Inspection in accordance with methods prescribed or approved.

Inspection of eggs shall be rendered pursuant to these regulations and under such conditions and in accordance with such methods as may be prescribed or approved by the Administrator.

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#### § 57.22 Basis of service.

These regulations provide for inspection services pursuant to the Egg Products Inspection Act. Eggs and egg products shall be inspected in accordance